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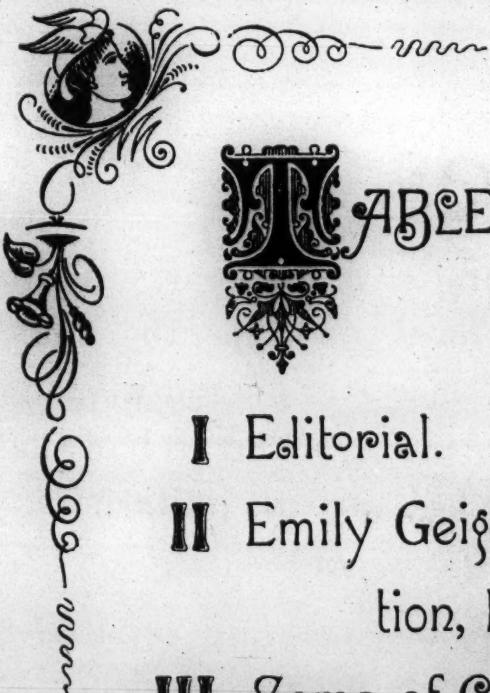
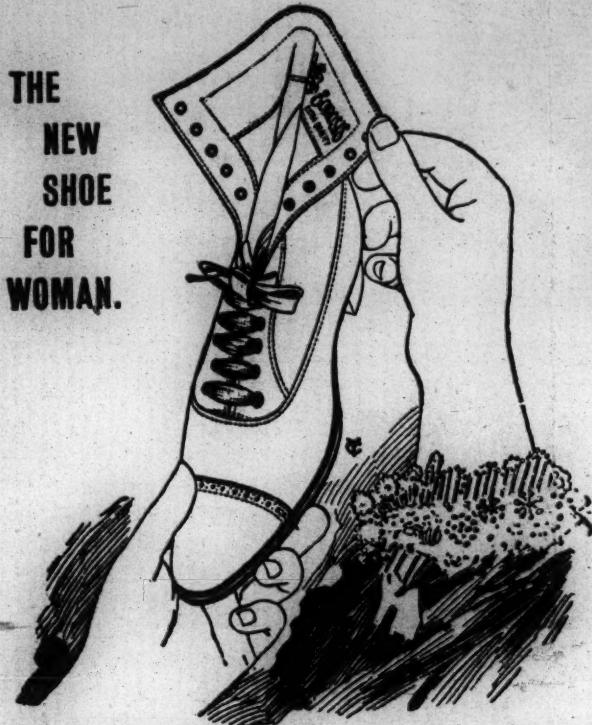


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Editorial.

The Circulation of the Keystone is 2000 copies monthly.

AMONG the attractive features of the June Keystone, will be the following:

I. American Artists, by Mrs. J. M. Coleman, Chester, S. C.

II. Old Homes on the Ashley and the Cooper, by Mrs. W. H. Perry.

THE Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs is now but a pleasant memory. We have welcomed our guests, and spent a few days with them, during which many life-time friendships have been formed. Charleston's club women appreciate the manner in which their efforts to entertain have been received. The only regret of the Charleston women was the necessity to part so soon with their guests.

The Federation is now an established organization; the machinery is in fine working order; every department is in the hands of a capable chairman, chosen by the Board of Directors, for her special fitness in that line of work.

A notable feature of this Convention is the absence of adverse criticisms and flippant remarks in our leading newspapers, regarding the business meetings of the Convention. No body of men more fully realize the power of woman than the press. Our women have informed themselves thoroughly as to the constitutional laws of such bodies, and there was no infringement of them in the slightest degree. South Carolina's women only need occasion to show their ability to grasp the most difficult situations. They are thoroughly aroused to the necessity of concerted action; if there ever have been any barriers existing between up and low country, they have been swept away by the flood of co-operation. Fine representative women were sent from every quarter of the State; fine women are always broad-minded, and the women of South Carolina are setting the pace for future generations.

THIS Convention signalizes an era in the life of the Federation; it marks the retiring of Mrs. Coleman from the Presidency. By the ruling of our Constitution, she cannot serve another consecutive term.

Mrs. Coleman lays down the gavel, leaving nothing to regret during her term of office. She has ruled with that gentle wisdom, born only of strength. It is with genuine regret that we bid the Mother of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs adieu.

With pleasure just as genuine, we greet the new President, Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, of Charleston. High as is the standard held up by her predecessor, she is fully qualified to fill the position, being endowed with every attribute which makes for the best and the highest in woman. Miss Poppenheim is a graduate of Vassar College, and is one of the best parliamentarians in South Carolina. The Keystone predicts a period of increased life and growth for the Federation, under the rule of this fine executive.

Both the retiring and the incoming President are women of handsome personality. Mrs. Coleman representing the blonde, and Miss Poppenheim the brunette type. In the beauty and fragrance of their lives, we style them the White

Rose of Seneca, and the Red Rose of Charleston; and the State of South Carolina may justly be proud of having given them birth.

THE KEYSTONE was most liberally supported as the official organ of the Federation, and was unanimously adopted as the same. The club women of South Carolina have been most faithful in their interest in this, their official organ, and if they will give it as loyal a support in the future as they have done in the past, it promises on its part to merit their good faith.

OWING to lack of space, the interesting article on the "Social Features of the Charleston Convention" will have to be omitted this month. It will appear in the June Keystone.

THE KEYSTONE calls attention to the North Carolina column established this month in the interest of women's organizations in North Carolina.

It is with pleasure that the women of the two Carolinas will exchange notes, and the monthly notes from North Carolina will be most acceptable to our readers in South Carolina.

An interchange of ideas in work in the same direction is always helpful, and mutual benefit to both States must result in this co-operation on the part of our sister State. All notes from North Carolina will be welcome.

THREE is to be a Press Session at the Biennial. Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, of Washington, D. C., is the chairman of this section. The Keystone will be represented at this session on June 6th, as it has been complimented by an invitation to its Associate Editor to read a paper on that occasion.

ABOUT the middle of May the women of Columbia, S. C., expect to manage one issue of the Columbia Record, for the benefit of the Hospital. Under the able management of Mrs. August Kohn, Editor-in-Chief; Miss Elizabeth Baldwin, Associate Editor; and Mrs. D. R. Flenniken, Business Manager, there is little doubt but that this issue of the Record will be of great interest to women in South Carolina, and that the funds of the Hospital will be considerably increased by this undertaking of the noble women of Columbia.

"Ah! what would the world be to us,
If the children were no more?
We should dread the desert behind us,
Worse than the dark before."

THE dear children that grow up around us are all such bundles of great possibilities for good or evil, that we, their natural guardians, should tremble when we consider our responsibility towards them. Given into our care by an allwise Providence, we have it in our power to make the world better or worse for our living, just in our relation to them. The lovely, trusting admiration which the child has for his father and mother, is a blessing and inspiration to any man or woman.

Who would not dread the hour when a pure young soul should be wounded by the shattering of its ideal of Mother or Father?

When the child considers the source of his safety, protection and maintenance, he thinks *Father*, when he conjures up the personification of all things unselfish, tender and sympathetic, he whispers *Mother*.

Should we not strive to keep these ideals in their entirety for the children?

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This department is official and will be continued monthly.
 Official news and calls of Federation Committees printed here.

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Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. H. Jeter, Union, S. C.

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Official Notice.

At the Second Annual Convention in Charleston, the "Keystone" was adopted as the *Official Organ* of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. All clubs are urged to make use of this medium for giving publicity to all club news, as well as official news of the Federation.

LOUISA B. POPPENHEIM,
 President of S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs.

A Report of the Transactions of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

In Convention assembled at Charleston, S. C., on April 18-20, 1900.

THE Second Annual Convention of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs met in Charleston, S. C., on April 18th.

On April 17th there had been a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Federation, at which time suggestions for the improvement of the organization of the Federation were discussed, and recommended to the consideration of the Convention.

On the afternoon of April 17th the following committees met: Credential, Constitutional, Kindergarten and Art.

The Association was called to order on the morning of the 18th, by the President, Mrs. M. W. Coleman, of Seneca.

The entire Convention united in repeating the Lord's Prayer, after which the visiting delegates were welcomed to Charleston, by Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, President of the City Union of Women's Clubs, of that city.

The response in behalf of the Federation was made by Miss Mary Hemphill, of Abbeville.

The President requested the indulgence of the Convention in regard to the omission of her annual report, which she had been prevented from making on account of ill health. She then called for the Report of the Credential Committee, which declared the following delegates members of the Convention:

Mrs. M. W. Coleman, Seneca, S. C., President; Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Hemphill, Abbeville, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Greenville, Auditor; Mrs. L. J. Blake, Spartanburg, Chairman Library Extension; Mrs. Jules Visanska, Charleston, Chairman Free Kindergartens; Miss Azalia Willis, Charleston, Chairman Art; Miss Mary Hill, Abbeville; Mrs. J. W. Baker, Mrs. J. A. White, Bates-

ville; Mrs. Danner, Beaufort; Mrs. E. C. Gibbon, Miss E. Prentiss, Miss L. H. Buist, Miss E. Horlbeck, Miss Daisie P. Smith, Mrs. W. E. Renneker, Mrs. Ida M. Lining, Mrs. J. P. Sanders, Mrs. Richmond Pinckney, Miss E. Klinck, Miss Mary B. Poppenheim, Miss C. H. Poppenheim, Charleston; Miss Elzie Brandt, Miss Ray Wachtel, Mrs. D. N. McLaunchlin, Miss Hannah Heyman, Mrs. Klutz, Mrs. Nichols, Miss Kate Gaston, Miss Melton, Mrs. J. G. White, Mrs. J. J. Stringfellow, Chester; Mrs. F. D. Kendal, Miss Fulkerson, Columbia; Mrs. Bates, Mrs. J. B. Earle, Mrs. J. Lee Carpenter, Greenville; Mrs. J. D. Wylie, Mrs. Taylor, Lancaster; Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, Mrs. T. F. Simpson, Laurens; Mrs. L. F. Wolfe, Miss May Carere, Orangeburg; Mrs. A. E. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Thompson, Rock Hill; Mrs. E. O. Frierson, Miss Horner, Spartanburg; Mrs. A. H. Jeter, Miss Isabelle Foster, Miss C. Poulton, Miss Belle Foster, Union; Miss Sallie Norton, Miss Nettie Neville, Wallalla; Mrs. F. W. Wilson, Miss Maggie Brooks, Warrenton.

After some few alterations the report showed 29 clubs with delegates in the Convention, and three clubs without representation.

Four officers, three chairmen, and fifty-three delegates answered to the roll call, making the vote of the Convention 64, and the President's vote.

After the acceptance of the Minutes of the Chester Convention, much routine business was accomplished. Mrs. John G. White, of Chester, was appointed Treasurer pro tem, and the three minute reports from all clubs represented filled up the business session of the morning.

In the afternoon Dr. C. W. Kollock, representing the Mayor and City Council of Charleston, extended an invitation to the Convention to be present at the reception given by them at the City Hall that evening to the South Carolina Medical Association. Mrs. L. J. Blake, of Spartanburg, and Miss Kate Gaston, of Chester, were appointed a committee to accept this invitation, and to extend to the South Carolina doctors the courtesies of this Convention. Mrs. Gridley, of Greenville, and Mrs. White, of Chester, were appointed a committee to draw up suitable resolutions of sympathy for Mrs. T. Sumter Means, the Vice-President of the Federation, on account of her continued illness.

Two clubs on the roll not represented by delegates had their written reports read: The Amelia Pride, Rock Hill, and the Twentieth Century, Greenville.

Thursday, April 19th, 10 A. M., the Convention was called to order, 27 clubs answering to the roll. This session was taken up mainly with the report from the Constitutional Committee. The report of the committee on the revision of the Constitution was accepted, with the exception of Article III, Section 6, which brought out much discussion, as two reports from this committee had been presented in regard to this Section. It was finally decided by the Convention that the following should be the basis of representation for voting at future Conventions:

Every officer of the State Federation, and every chairman of a department *present* in the Convention, should be entitled to one vote in her person.

Every club in the State Federation should be entitled to two votes in the Convention, provided it had two delegates present and voting.

The Revised Constitution went into effect immediately, and all future voting was based on this representation.

In the absence of Mrs. Adams, of Seneca, the Chairman of the Educational Committee, no formal report of this

department was made. The President spoke here of the generous offer of Converse College, i. e., (a scholarship in each county under the patronage of the Federation) and a vote of thanks was extended to President Wilson for his co-operation with the Federation in this most important department of its work.

Mrs. Ida M. Lining, of Charleston, offered another scholarship in her Training School for Kindergartners, and defined her requirements for admission to this school. This generous offer was received with applause.

The Chairman of the Library Extension, Mrs. L. J. Blake, made a most gratifying report of the work of the Federation in that department, and after some interchange of opinion on this work, the session closed to meet on Friday, April 20th.

In the absence of the Chairman of the Departments of Civics and Village Improvement, there were no reports from these branches of the Federation work; consequently the morning session of April 20th opened with a report from Miss McFadden, on Club Extension, read by Mrs. John G. White. Mrs. Visanska, the Chairman of Free Kindergartens, followed this with her report, after which a discussion arose on the benefits of Kindergartens in factory towns.

Mrs. Visanska made an appeal for the restriction of child labor in the cotton mills, showing all the horrors connected with the employment of children.

Mrs. Gridley spoke on the subject of legislating against child labor in the cotton mills, maintaining that a place must be provided for idle children in factory towns, otherwise there is no alternative for the parents but to work the children in the mills.

Miss Mary B. Poppenheim offered as a solution to this problem the establishment of vacation play grounds in connection with the Free Kindergartens.

The question of education and the development of a higher citizenship for the rising generation seem to have been the topics which most interested the Convention.

The report on Art, by the Chairman, Miss A. Willis, showed a keen activity in regard to the development of the aesthetic in club life.

The new business brought before the Convention was a plea for the study of Civil Service Reform in the programs of State Clubs. Miss Mary B. Poppenheim read a circular on the subject, prepared by Miss Perkins, of Concord, Mass., and printed in the April Keystone, for the benefit of South Carolina club women. There is no idea of Politics in this suggestion; all that is asked of our women is that they will inform themselves on the uses and abuses of Civil Service Reform in our Government.

Knowledge on any subject cannot hurt any one, and as the term Civil Service Reform is one so often employed in our political life, it seems only reasonable that club women should inform themselves on what that term covers.

The President of the South Carolina King's Daughters, Mrs. C. G. Matthewes, was introduced to the Convention, and made an appeal in behalf of that noble order in our State. It is to be hoped that their Convention to be held in Darlington, in May, will be largely attended.

The President of the South Carolina Audubon Society, Miss Christie H. Poppenheim, came before the Convention in the interest of that Association, and explained the purposes of that useful organization, securing by her interesting little talk on the birds many new names to their already rapidly growing roll.

The election of officers for 1900 was then in order. The following Board was elected:

Miss Louisa B. Poppenheim, Charleston, S. C., President.
Mrs. A. E. Smith, Rock Hill, First Vice-President.
Mrs. A. H. Jeter, Union, Second Vice-President.
Mrs. John G. White, Chester, Recording Secretary.
Mrs. L. J. Blake, Spartanburg, Corresponding Secretary.
Mrs. M. P. Gridley, Greenville, Treasurer.

Mrs. C. C. Featherstone, Laurens, Auditor.
There were two invitations to the Convention to meet with them next year, Union and Greenville. Greenville was selected for the next place of meeting, after which the new officers were introduced to the Convention.

It will be noticed that the Constitution was changed in some respects; one of which was the introduction of a Second Vice-President, and the creation of the Departments of Education, Library Extension, Free Kindergartens, Civics, Village Improvement and Horticulture, Art and Music. The heads of these departments to be elected by the Board of Directors. A meeting of this Board was held on Friday night, April 20th, and the following Chairmen of Departments elected:

Education—Mrs. James Adams, Seneca.
Library Extension—Mrs. M. W. Coleman, Seneca.
Free Kindergartens—Mrs. Ida M. Lining, Charleston.
Civics—Miss Mary Hemphill, Abbeville.
Village Improvement and Horticulture—Mrs. Paul Hemphill, Chester.

Art—Miss Azalia Willis, Charleston.
Music—Mrs. Poaz, Rock Hill.
At this meeting of the Board of Directors, the President was empowered to appoint delegates to the Biennial at Milwaukee, bearing in mind the appointments made by the retiring President in Chester, in June, 1899.

In every respect the meetings of the Convention and the Board of Directors were marked by the most perfect harmony, and the Federation is to be congratulated on the spirit of earnestness and sincerity which seems to pervade all its departments.

ANY community desiring a free Kindergarten, is requested to communicate at once with the State Chairman and Organizer of Free Kindergartens, Mrs. Ida M. Lining, 32 George Street, Charleston, S. C.

Resolutions

Prepared at the Convention of Women's Clubs, in Charleston S. C., April 18-20, 1900.

WHEREAS the Convention of the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs feel themselves under many obligations for numerous courtesies and hospitalities received during their stay in Charleston, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Convention be expressed:

1. To the Century Club, for a most delightful reception.
2. To Mrs. C. P. Poppenheim, for her elegant hospitality, so graciously extended on Wednesday evening.
3. To the Mayor of this city, and the S. C. Medical Association, for their courteous invitation to the club women to meet with them in their reception in the City Hall.
4. To the Memminger Alumnae Association for the kind forethought in arranging the excursion to Magnolia Gardens.
5. To the City Union for the delightful trip to the Isle of Palms.
6. To the generous housekeepers who have so cordially and beautifully entertained us. Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. J. W. BAKER,

Mrs. C. C. FEATHERSTONE, Committee.

Club Column.

MANAGER, MISS LOUISA B. POPPENHEIM, CHARLESTON, S. C.

All Clubs in the State are invited to send notes to this department which will be continued monthly.

Beaufort.

THE Clover Club presents itself a late comer, but trusts its welcome is none the less assured.

Organized in 1892, with a varying membership of from 18 to 25, embracing between 40 and 50 names, it now has 20 active members on its roll, and reports an unusually prosperous year.

The object has always been for mutual improvement in musical and literary lines. Its government is the same as that of clubs generally, with the addition of two officers, those of critic and reading room reporter. This year the club programmes have been divided into groups of considerable variety; for a time we studied our own State, its natural advantages, resources, and the work our own women have produced. *Fin de siecle* writers have also proved a fertile subject for papers and discussion, while later we have taken up an interesting series on Russia, Norway and Sweden. It has been customary for the club to celebrate the 22nd of February in past years, and one of the successful evenings may be considered, that upon which Admiral Ammen delivered a lecture to the club and a large number of friends; the house was decorated with flags, the members of the club received in colonial costume, and cherries and little hatchet cakes were served for refreshments. On another evening a series of tableaux were given by members of the club, depicting the countries of the world in emblematic costumes, while national airs were played behind the scenes.

A delightful recital was given last year, when Mrs. Wickenberg, of Savannah, formerly Miss May Taylor, of C—, was the leading soprano.

We have had several lectures from Captain Rockwell, and also from home talent, at which we have usually entertained over a hundred people.

Many of those once of our number have gone to live in distant States, North, East, South and West are they scattered, but from letters and occasional contributions, we find there remain pleasant associations with the Clover Club, and sometimes a longing for the old relations.

As far as we know the spirit of the club has been that of harmony.

The club work has usually been faithfully carried out, and never have we heard a single unfair criticism made of the effort of any member. The little group who meet every Monday afternoon are bound by a deeper tie than that formed by, perhaps, a single idea of "belonging to a club."

Charleston.

Intercollegiate Club of South Carolina.

I DO not know if it is praiseworthy to be an exception, but since it is the exception that proves the rule, the Intercollegiate Club should be considered a valuable addition to the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, for it is said that men's clubs differ from women's clubs, in that men's clubs are for personal pleasure alone, while women's clubs are devoted to the interest and uplifting of others.

The Intercollegiate Club of South Carolina was organized with nine charter members, on November 14th, 1899, for the purpose of promoting good fellowship among the graduates of the following colleges: Vassar, Smith, Wellesley, Bryn Mawr, Radcliff and Barnard, who might be resident in the State, either in their homes or in different educational institutions as members of the faculty.

Good fellowship has been abundantly manifest in the meetings. The club now numbers eleven members, and the following colleges have been added to the original list: Woman's College of Baltimore, University of Toronto, and Elmira College, New York.

This band of college women stand ready to be of service to their sister club women in South Carolina, and will not be found wanting in their efforts for the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

ON Saturday, April 7th, Miss Godard, the Vice-President of the South Carolina Intercollegiate Club, entertained the Charleston members of the club at a lunch given in honor of Mrs. Guild, graduate and Trustee of Wellesley College, and of Mrs. Pelton, of Boston University.

Vassar and Wellesley were well represented.

Chester.

THE Joseph Wylie Park Improvement Association is one of the Federation's youngest daughters, and while its life is scarcely as long as its name, yet a measure of its days is not a measure of its size, and it claims the fond distinction of being the Federation's second largest child.

Our Park is named in honor of its public spirited donor, and our citizens promptly planned to further improve this beautiful spot, but, "yield precedence to the ladies," has been always the motto of Chester's gallant men; 'twas left to the women to carry out these plans. They banded themselves together in this Association, with their husbands and sweethearts as *honorary* and *contributing* members, (after all what could the women do without the men?) to the number of 157, 87 members, and 70 pockets.

A competent landscape gardener will be employed, and soon the few corners which nature forgot, Art will cause to blossom as the rose. Already plans for summer houses, rustic seats and a pavilion are well under way, and while the building of air castles is by no means one of the Association's accomplishments, so light and airy are these houses to be, that they will almost convict the Association of the charge.

The tennis, riding grounds and bicycle clubs are subdivisions of the Association, their courts and tracks with a smoking den and a lover's leap, for the benefit of the chosen seventy, of course are to be features of the Park.

So great is the enthusiasm of the Association, that by the next meeting of the Federation we expect to be able to say not that the Park will be a success, but that it is one, and when once again it is Chester's good fortune to claim the Federation meeting, an entertainment in the Park by the Park Association will certainly be on the program.

Chester Art Club.

AN Art Club in a nebulous state has existed in Chester for some time, since it has long been the intention of our women to organize for systematic work.

This plan had not been carried out however, until The Keystone published the stirring appeal of Miss Willis, our able Chairman of the Committee on Art, whose rousing words were the immediate cause of the club's formation. It was formally organized in March, 1900, and will certainly prove an incentive to greater effort and more devoted study.

A pleasant room has already been secured to be fitted up as a studio. Here the workers in oil, water colors, crayon, china and art needle work will meet to pursue each her special branch, to our mutual pleasure and benefit.

Art magazines have been subscribed for, and copies of the world's great master-pieces will be purchased, as well as new studies for the common use.

Semi-annual exhibitions will be held, each member being required to furnish at least one new piece of work, or pay the penalty of indolence by a bankrupting fine.

Perhaps this report, like the cotton exchange, deals largely in futures, and it will appear that the first artistic work of our club has been to paint its own future in glowing rainbow hues.

Columbia.

THE Columbia Art League was organized in October, with a charter membership of thirty, which has increased to nearly seventy up to this date.

The aim of the League is to promote a taste for Art, in all its branches, by giving lectures, exhibitions, prizes for excellence, etc.

Our first important accomplishment will be the exhibition at the Spring Festival of Music and Art, held in Columbia, April 26 to 29. This includes exhibits from Chicago, New York, Louisville and Washington, and a collection of miniatures from our own State. The League meets monthly, papers are read, business transacted, and then a delightful social hour over the teacups.

South Carolina Branch—International Order of The King's Daughters and Sons.

THE Fourth State Convention of South Carolina Branch of the International Order of The King's Daughters will be held in Darlington, on Wednesday, May 23, and Thursday, 24, 1900. The Convention will be called to order at 10 A. M. All the members of the Order in the State are most cordially invited to be present. All Circles are urged to send delegates.

Mrs. Isabella Charles Davis, Corresponding Secretary of the International Order, will represent the Central Council, and will be a guest of the Convention.

It is hoped that a general attendance of the members of the Order in the State will be present. Delegates of the Order will be entertained by members of the Order in Darlington during the Convention. Names of the delegates must be sent to the State Secretary not later than May 1st.

The former Annual Conventions proved of great value to those present in our work, and every Circle in South Carolina should be represented, so that the wearers of the silver cross within her borders may become more efficient and faithful in service of the King. If Circles cannot send delegates, please send reports to the State Secretary at once. Very sincerely yours, (MRS. CHARLES G.) MYRTIS P. MATTHEWS,

State Secretary.

THE KEYSTONE.

SOUTH CAROLINA AUDUBON SOCIETY.

This department is official and will be continued monthly. Official news printed here.

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First Vice-President—Dr. Robert Wilson, Charleston, S. C.

Second Vice-President—Miss Kate Bachman, Charleston, S. C.

Secretary—Miss Sarah A. Smyth, Charleston, S. C.

Treasurer—Miss Mary C. Townsend, Edisto Island, S. C.

Official Notice.

AT the first regular meeting of the South Carolina Society, January 4th, 1900, The Keystone was adopted as the official organ of the Society. All members are urged to make use of this medium, as all the official notices will be contained in it.

CHRISTIE H. POPPENHEIM,
President,
South Carolina Audubon Society.

POW that about all of us have purchased our new Easter bonnets, I wonder how many of us have remembered that we are members of the Audubon Society. I was glad to notice that flowers are more plentiful than ever, and that gauzes have, to a great extent, taken the place of birds and feathers, but occasionally bedded in the midst of roses rises the dainty aigrette, which the milliners will assure you is the finishing touch. Then is the time to stand firm, and really your hat will look just as well without it, and I am sure you will feel better. I was watching three members of the Audubon the other day buying their spring hats. Two of them had purchased hats *au règle*, but the third was tempted by a Paris confection of gauze and flowers, and the prohibited aigrette. She had a wrestle with her conscience, and as I left the store I heard her say: "Take it out and put velvet in its place. I have not the conscience to wear it when I am an Audubon."

I hope all of us will be strong enough to follow her example.

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NORTH CAROLINA.

[Notes from North Carolina Women's Organizations will appear under this heading.]

WORK OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY.

NORTH CAROLINA has twenty-four Chapters of Daughters of the Confederacy, a well organized and noble band of women who are using their time and their talents in preserving the spirit of true patriotism, and love for those glorious principles which inspired the brilliant deeds of her sons in '61 and '65.

The Minutes of their Third Annual Convention have just been published in attractive form, under the able supervision of the Recording Secretary, the gifted Mrs. William Overman, of Salisbury. It will prove a valuable guide in the future work of the Division.

Cape Fear, the senior Chapter, located at Wilmington, in sound of the guns of historic Fort Fisher, is composed of ladies who are always foremost in every good and patriotic work; they have a very creditable museum, containing many valuable and interesting relics.

Uniting with the Veterans, they celebrated General Lee's Birthday in grand style, all business being suspended during the ceremonies; the day was also suitably observed in the schools, where prizes were offered for the best essay on Lee. Hon. Junius Davis, one of Wilmington's most distinguished citizens, delivered a most beautiful and touching address in the presence of a large crowd, who cheered him to the echo. Miss Rodman, the President of the State Division, was entertained by the Cape Fear Chapter, with most gracious hospitality, on this occasion.

The New Bern Chapter, located at New Bern, a charming old colonial town, where one of the earliest battles of the Civil War was fought, has a membership of seventy-one, with a number of applicants waiting to be received. Since December these devoted and energetic women have spent sixty dollars for benevolent purposes, are endeavoring to raise a fund of one hundred dollars for the Jefferson Davis Monument, and have ten dollars to give, when called on, to the fund for painting a portrait of Governor Zebulon B. Vance, to be placed in the North Carolina Room, in the Museum at Richmond.

Under their auspices, General Gordon has recently delivered his famous and eloquent lecture, the "Last Days of the Confederacy." The hall in which he spoke was elaborately decorated with Confederate flags, Southern smilax and palms, a fine orchestra rendering patriotic airs of "Auld Lang Syne," thereby giving vent to the enthusiasm of the large assemblage of Veterans and Daughters.

The hearts of the old Veterans of this section are annually made glad by a dinner and reunion on July 4th, given by this Chapter.

Miss Mary Oliver, an exceedingly clever and popular member, has lately been made President, in place of Mrs. Jane Hughes, who resigned, owing to poor health; she having been for years the loved and honored head of the Ladies' Memorial Association, now merged into the Daughters of the Confederacy.

Goldsboro, N. C.

A Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy has been organized in this city, Goldsboro, with Miss Sue Collier as President, and Miss Daisy Washington, Secretary. The membership numbers about thirty, and is still growing.

When the Chapter is fully organized, it will be numbered among the most progressive in the South. The Chapter is known as the Thomas Ruffin Chapter, after the much beloved Col. Thomas Ruffin, of the First North Carolina Cavalry, C. S. A., who was killed at the head of his regiment, the day before the fight at Bristow Station, Va. The Chapter has appointed a committee to wait upon our citizens in the interest of the Jefferson Davis Monument Fund.

Accounts of the work being done by other Chapters, as well as that of the Children of the Confederacy, will appear from time to time.

North Carolina Sorosis.

[Wilmington.]

THE North Carolina Sorosis is at the present time the only Federated Club in the State, but there is a very large number of clubs within our borders pursuing various lines of work independently.

Sorosis is a department club, consisting of nearly forty members. We have five departments.

The Literature Department meets semi-monthly, and is this winter studying Tennyson, Thackeray and Hawthorne.

The Art Department meets semi-monthly, and for the past several years has been making a study of the history of art, leading up to the present day.

The Home Science Department interests itself in any question relating to the welfare of the home. The City Board of Aldermen have recently invited a Sorosis Committee to a conference pertaining to the improvement of sanitary conditions in our town, and the Home Science Department is to formulate plans by which we may interest all the housekeepers in the work.

The Current Events Department meets monthly, to discuss the questions of the day. The last subject under discussion was New Inventions.

The Book Department subscribes for the newest books on all subjects, and circulates them among its members.

The entire club meets monthly in a business meeting, which is followed by a tea.

I shall try to send you our Year Book for 1900; unfortunately there has been quite a demand for it, and the edition is almost exhausted.

I can assure you that you have the interest of North Carolina club women in your work, and we of Sorosis will read The Keystone with interest. Cordially yours,

GERTRUDE E. J. HOWELL,
Secretary N. C. Sorosis.

Emily Geiger.

[A South Carolina Heroine of the American Revolution.]

ALITTLE more than a century ago a dark cloud overshadowed our country, shutting out every ray of hope. It was then, when forbearance had ceased to be a virtue, and when petitions had been spurned from the English throne with haughtiness and disdain, the sons of our fair America met the censure of England with sublime scorn, and hurled defiance at her would-be judge.

In the ensuing struggle, whose war cry was "Liberty or Death," every sward was wet with the battle's crimson dew, and the rivers ran red with the blood of the best of our land. In this crisis of danger to the liberties of America, the women of the South conducted themselves with more than Spartan magnanimity. They espoused their country's cause, and no

matter what hardships and privations they had to endure, not a murmur was heard; but firm in the right of their cause, they were willing to suffer and to work. "In the darkest hours of war," says a writer, "their cheerfulness infused spirit and hope into the heart of the despondent; while their patient endurance of hardships made the men ashamed to complain of their own trials."

It is to the women of South Carolina we would now pay tribute; we would stand wrapt in admiration for those whose zealous faith in their country's cause shone like a guiding star undimmed by the darkest clouds of war; we would honor those whose pious ministrations to the wounded soldiers soothed the last hours of many who died upon the field of battle, far from all who were nearest and dearest to them; we would bow in solemn reverence to those whose heroic deeds are truly "the milestones of a nation's progress."

In considering what constitutes true heroism, we should bear in mind not only the great deeds, but also the circumstances under which those deeds were accomplished. In thus viewing heroism, we award the palm of bravery to Emily Geiger as the most heroic champion of her country's cause. This brave young woman was the daughter of John Geiger, of Newberry County, and when she was eighteen years of age the opportunity of her life came to her.

The Revolutionary War had been going on for some years, but "even to our most sanguine patriots," observed Alexander Garden, "the expectation of establishing our independence appeared but a visionary dream." Rawdon's mad march in the summer of 1781, from Charleston to Ninety-Six, is a well remembered incident. This move had defeated General Greene's plans. Not prepared to meet this new force of two thousand men, he was compelled to retreat, withdrawing across the Saluda, about twenty-two miles, to Bush River, and thence slowly falling back, meanwhile regarding the movements of the enemy. During this retreat it became necessary to send a message to General Sumter, who was then on the Wateree, a hundred miles away, instructing him to join the Commander-in Chief, that they might together attack Rawdon. The intervening country was infested with Tories, who would not hesitate to murder any active friend of the cause of independence. General Greene was unable to find a man willing to undertake a journey so full of danger and peril. Emily Geiger, who lived a few miles from the camp, learning from a neighbor of the General's great perplexity, determined to offer herself as the bearer of dispatches to General Sumter.

General Greene sat in his tent, pondering the condition of affairs. He thought he had partly crippled the enemy's progress, and if he could make the desired junction with Sumter, and deal an effective blow, he felt assured of victory. He had about determined to give up all hopes of conquest, when he was told that a young country girl wished to speak with him. Emily Geiger was then ushered into General Greene's presence. She assured him that she was willing to be the messenger to General Sumter, asserting at the same time that she was well acquainted with the road to be traversed, as she had been over it more than once. As her bearing was so calm and fearless, and the necessity of communicating with Sumter so great, the General finally accepted the proffered service. Accordingly he wrote a letter to General Sumter, which he carefully read aloud to Emily until she had completely memorized it, and in case of any accident, could repeat it to General Sumter. Emily then set out on her journey, mounted on a well trained horse, and humming, now and then, snatches from a love song.

She rode steadily all day; sometimes through dense forests, sometimes through open fields. Soon night was approaching, and she stopped for rest and refreshment at a farm house near by. The farmer and his wife were very kind, but, as she soon learned, were friends to the Tory cause. When, in reply to their questions, she said she was Emily Geiger, their suspicions were immediately aroused, for they knew her father was a very earnest Whig. Emily fully realized her danger, and feared detention as a spy; but she hoped all would be well. She retired early, and was soon in dreamland.

Imagine her consternation when she was awakened two hours later by the clatter of horses feet, and the sound of a man's voice inquiring if the farmer had seen anything of a young lady passing, and saying that he had orders to arrest her, as she was the bearer of a message from General Greene to General Sumter. The farmer made it evident to the man that he knew something of Emily, and her pursuer dismounted and entered the house. Since all soon became quiet, it appeared that the capture would not take place that night, but the next morning.

Emily's only thought then was the possibility of escape. She dressed herself quickly and quietly, and sprang through the open window out into the silent night. Leading her horse from the stable, she mounted and reached the road by a very circuitous route. About noon, as she was riding through a swamp, her bridle was seized, and she was a prisoner in the hands of two Tories.

As she came from the direction of General Greene's camp, they held her in suspicion, and took her to Lord Rawdon, who questioned her in regard to her destination and her errand. In reply she claimed to be a country girl—which was very true—on her way to visit a friend who lived a few miles below. His Lordship, however, thinking her answers rather indirect and evasive, ordered her to be locked up, and a careful search of her person to be made. While waiting for the arrival of the woman who was to search her, Emily took the dispatch from her pocket, tore it into small strips, chewed and swallowed them! She had scarcely finished this novel repast, when the woman arrived and examined her. As nothing of a suspicious character was found, her captors were in honor bound to permit her to pursue her journey unmolested. Lord Rawdon provided her with an escort to the house of a friend some miles distant. Here she delayed only long enough to secure a fresh horse, and then she continued her journey.

The sun grew hotter and hotter, but on she sped, never halting for rest; sometimes she would stop a few minutes at a stream to water her horse, more merciful to him than to herself. A little past noon, on the third day, she suddenly came upon a file of soldiers, whom, from their dress, she knew to be friends. By them she was conducted to General Sumter; and hungry, weary and almost fainting, as she was, she clearly and succinctly delivered her message to the astonished officer. In a very short time General Sumter was ready to march to the place designated in General Greene's dispatch.

For her gallant service Emily was presented with a pair of gold earrings by General Greene, and the blessings and heartfelt thanks of her country were showered upon her.

Very little is known of this heroine after her famous ride, but even that little will prove interesting. After the war she was wooed and won by a Mr. Threewits, and made Lexington County her home, where many of her descendants are now living. It is said after another bloody war, when peace and

prosperity had come to our country, LaFayette paid his farewell visit to Charleston, and a grand ball was given in his honor. At the request of the Marquis, a coach fit for a queen was sent to bring Emily Geiger, then a dignified matron, to the ball. She was led forth in the first minuet by the Marquis himself, and thus "France and Carolina were truly represented by a noble son and a devoted daughter."

South Carolina fully appreciated the heroic act of her patriotic daughter, for a few years ago when, according to the order of the Legislature, a revision of the coat-of-arms of our State was made, Emily Geiger's picture was held to be the most deserving to occupy a place on the seal. Her quiet grave near Columbia has no mark to distinguish it from the surrounding grassy mounds. Deeds such as her's need no monuments, for long ago "on Fame's eternal camping ground her silent tent was spread." Her's indeed was a sublime act, and she should come down to posterity as the Joan of Arc of America.

To her, too, secret voices spoke, entreating her to act in her country's behalf, and she, too, answered their pleadings. She resolved to carry the message to General Sumter, though she might be slain in the attempt.

In our admiration for this noble type of heroic womanhood, we can well say with the poet :

" 'Tis beauty that oft doth make women proud;
" 'Tis virtue that doth make them most admired;
" 'Tis heroism that makes them seem divine"

Some of Charleston's Most Noted Schools, Past and Present.

[In connection with the editorial request in the March Keystone in regard to South Carolina schools for girls before the War between the States, we take pleasure this month in publishing the following paper on that subject.]

IN glancing over the past, and its many changes in Charleston, there is, perhaps, no more interesting field than that of the female schools where the last two or three generations of girls reared in this city have been trained. Seventy or eighty years ago the rival schools were those of Madame Talvanne, which was kept in the house on Legare Street now occupied by Judge Simonton; and Miss Datey, who first opened in Glebe Street, in the large, square, brick house known to older generations as the "Bishops' Residence," it having been the home of the Colonial Bishops, and part of the glebe assigned to St. Philip's Church, who still owns it. There was quite a rivalry between the pupils of these two schools, each as is always the case claiming superiority for the school to which she was attached. Both, it is certain, were of recognized merit. Of Madame Talvanne's personal history, beyond that she was a woman of marked characteristics and culture, I know but little, therefore may not be able to say as much as should be said. Of Miss Datey, there was almost a romantic side, which was pathetic. With her family, driven from San Domingo, in one of the many insurrections to which that island has been treated, after many wanderings, bereft of all, they were stranded in Charleston, without money and friends; there was nothing open to this lady but menial work, which she most gladly accepted as affording food and shelter, she was employed in the Trapier family at Georgetown, with courage and endurance she accepted her lot, which was fortunately not to be for long. Mrs. Trapier chanced one day to see the new "help" bending over the ironing table, and observing the beauty of her hands, and

turn of the wrists, promptly decided that this woman was not in her proper sphere; she sent for her, and after some questioning, promoted her to the position of governess, which she filled for many years, until under the patronage of the Trapier's and other wealthy families, who desired their daughters to have the benefit of instruction from this highly cultured woman, she removed to Charleston, occupying first the house on Glebe Street, and afterwards that known to-day as No. 31 Legare Street, the residence of Hon. A. T. Smythe. Miss Datey must have been a woman of rare character, combining firmness and gentleness in a marked degree; her pupils always spoke of her with deepest affection and respect; she was a devout follower of the Roman Catholic Church, and while she made no effort to influence the belief of her pupils, she so impressed them with her earnest efforts to live worthy of her own faith, that they would often in after years, when hearing aspersions against the creed of the Roman Catholics, say, "It is not so; Miss Datey would never have believed it." About sixty-five years ago this saintly woman closed her school, and took the vows of a nun in one of the many holy orders of her church, and thus passed from Charleston forever.

The Misses Murden, those ladies whose value as educators, have always been recognized in Charleston, were pupils of Madame Talvanne. Every thinking girl who ever attended the school kept by these ladies, has always felt the value of the "groundings" they there received, particularly in arithmetic, and the same may be said of their pupils and successors of to-day—The Misses Sass.

Fifty years ago, probably the most flourishing school in Charleston was that of Madame DuPré, aided by her accomplished daughter, Madame Bonnetheau; this school was kept at the corner of East Bay and Laurens Streets. It was generally considered an advanced finishing school, and would receive more than one hundred boarding pupils, many from the adjoining States availing themselves of its advantages.

The rival of this school was that of the Misses Bates, those cultivated ladies who kept their school on Church Street, beloved and revered by all their pupils; "honor" was the only discipline they exercised.

There was a marked change in education when about 1854, under the patronage of the Hon. James L. Petigru, Madame R. A. Togno opened her French and English School on Tradd Street. This was considered the most select school of its day; application for entrance had to be made one year in advance, the number of pupils was strictly limited. French was the language of the school, and woe to the girl who was heard using her English tongue, save in the English classes, during school hours. Poor shy, trembling girls, who had never been forced to rely upon French as a mode of expression, felt somewhat as Robinson Crusoe must have felt on his desert island. "Madame, Puis M'en aller," was probably the first sentence they found courage to utter. This school was not like others, dismissed as a whole, but four or five, or probably a class, was dismissed at the same time, hence the necessity for the request. There were no desks in use; the girls sat in classes, on long benches, a table in the center of the room was used when they needed to write. Many were the innovations supposed to be introduced by Madame Togno, and were the cause of much criticism; in the first place the vacation months had heretofore been April and December, as most convenient to the planters' families. Madame gave no vacation in these months, and substituted July to October—now in universal use.

Over the door of the Tradd Street house was the sign,

"Pensionnat des Demoiselles," which an old gentleman in the neighborhood interpreted as meaning that Madame Togno was the French Consul, and came to her for advice as such. When she removed to Meeting Street, next to the South Carolina Hall, the sign was not put up. Here this school was carried on most successfully until the fall of Fort Walker, in 1861, when Madame removed to Barahmville, near Columbia, taking many of her pupils with her, remained here a year or two, until the death of her youngest daughter, when she closed her school, and went through the lines, back to New York. But by no means forgetting her friends at the South, who many of them after the war received substantial proof of her affection for them. A small woman, of most erect carriage, losing not a quarter of an inch of her height, full of nervous energy, "Madame" never took a seat, but walked up and down in front of her classes during recitation, occasionally stamping her small black satin bottins, to give emphasis to her utterances. Notice of Madame Togno's school would not be complete without mention of that woman so gifted herself, who beyond comparison was enabled to impart her knowledge to her pupils in most attractive form—Mrs. Elizabeth Wotton—teaching them so to drink of the "Pierian Spring," that the desire often was to "drink deeper," or "not at all!" A most ardent daughter of the South, a firm believer in States Rights; in her eyes South Carolina could do no wrong, if any of her pupils have been lukewarm in their allegiance to the South, the fault does not lie at her door, she did her utmost to teach them what was to her the only right view that could be taken.

About the time of Madame Togno's advent in Charleston, under the auspices of Hons. C. G. Memminger, Jefferson Bennett, and others, Mr. F. S. Sawyer, with an able corps of assistant teachers, was brought from the North to establish the Normal, or Public School System, which still holds sway in Charleston to-day.

Madame Petit, for some years just prior to the War, conducted a very flourishing school, her method being somewhat that of Madame Togno; they may be said to have been the rivals of their day.

After the War, the two Misses Bates, the only remaining members of a large family, returned to Charleston, and re-opened their school, but owing to the death of one, and advancing years of the older of the sisters, it did not last as long as their friends hoped for. Then for a time, Mrs. Hobson Pinckney, a gentlewoman in every sense of the word, divided with Miss Winston, the honor of conducting the two best schools.

The success that has crowned the efforts of Miss Kelly and Mrs. Isabel A. Smith, are too well known to us all, and their laurels still blooming, to need mention here. The system of scholarships earned by first grade pupils in Mrs. Smith school is a noble establishment, enabling the pupils to provide by their earnest application to their studies, as a gift to their relatives and friends, perhaps less well placed than themselves, that which is more precious than gold or silver—a first-class education. Within the past fifteen years the Kindergarten system has taken as strong a hold on Charleston as it has on most cities, where little tots, who can hardly speak intelligibly, are taught the rudiments of education, in varied forms of entertainment, leading them to hope that flowers will always bloom on the path that leads to the "fount of knowledge."

The college girl of to-day has perhaps many advantages over her mother, but in Charleston the standard of study has always been a high one, which is evidenced by the gentle,

refined old ladies we see all around us, who unfortunately are so fast passing away, that they will soon be only cherished memories, leaving for us an example worthy of imitation of what a highbred woman should be. Had their education not been of a high grade, they would not have been the women they are, brought up in homes of refinement, they acquired that tact and *savoir-faire* that only attrition can give. Where, but from this training, has come that wonderful endurance which has so uncomplainingly borne the many untold privations brought about by the misfortunes of our country? Endurance which teaches us that the fable of the Spartan boy and his fox may be viewed as an allegory!

—M. B. W.



Book Reviews.

THE KEYSTONE has received this month two of Eleanor Kirk's publications. The "Influence of the Zodiac upon Human Life," and the "Prevention and Cure of Old Age." The former is an addition to a library on psychic phenomenon, and proves very interesting in reading character as a form of entertainment. To the thoughtful, the other little book opens a field of brighter, higher and purer influences in life, and leads to more energy in individual helpfulness. By doing good and living higher, one can prevent and cure old age, and the author shows how this can be accomplished.

Both of these books are written and published by Eleanor Kirk.

THE KEYSTONE has just received a copy of "The Woman's Manual of Parliamentary Law," by Harriette R. Shattuck. This handy little volume is especially adapted to the needs of club women, as it contains full and simple particulars for organizing a woman's club or society, and shows how such a body can be managed with the least trouble. It discusses the same parliamentary questions that Cushing's Manual does, but in a much simpler and popular way. Many organizations have adopted it as their official manual, among them the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and the S. C. Federation of Women's Clubs. (Cloth, 75 cents. Lee & Sheppard, Boston.)

The Cost of Living, as Modified by Sanitary Science. By Ellen H. Richards, is an instructive book that sounds the keynote of alarm to all heads of families. It has many valuable suggestions, and proves to us that "a careful study of the conditions of life affecting the household expenditures should be made," by every one who values the happiness and welfare of the family.

It is a very valuable book, as a reference in household expenditures. (Cloth. John Wiley & Sons, New York.)

HERBERT S. STONE & CO. deserve credit for the style in which they have gotten up "Fables in Slang," by George Ade. The binding, type and illustrations are unique and clever, and would interest any book lover. The fables, which abound in modern slang, are particularly adapted to reading aloud in a mixed crowd, and the *morals* in every case are bright, catchy truths. For a summer hotel piazza

no better little volume could be in circulation. It has already reached its twenty-fifth thousand. (Herbert S. Stone & Co., Chicago and New York.)

MESS. SMALL, MAYNARD & CO. have just issued a most valuable book, "A Woman's Paris," which is intended to help every cultured woman contemplating a trip to Paris, either as student or tourist. The author being an American woman who knows Paris, realizes just what points should be dwelt upon, and what cannot be found in the average guide book. Some of the subjects which are most interestingly handled are servants, choice of living, language, cafés, galleries and modern churches, theatre going, shops, dressmaking, suburban trips, and the Exposition. The illustrations are very attractive, and the binding serviceable and in good taste. (Small, Maynard & Co., Boston and New York. Cloth, \$1.25.)

Seven Interesting Facts about Charleston, S. C.

(Collected by Miss Ottelingue.)

THE boundaries of the city in 1680, as laid out by John Culpepper, were Calhoun Street on the north, East Bay Street on the east, Water Street on the south, and Meeting Street on the west.

The town consisted of eight streets—Tradd, Elliot, Broad, and Dods (now Queen), running east to west, and Bay, Union (now State), Church and Meeting, from north to south.

Charleston was the third city in America to have a Library. This was organized in 1754.

The first Public School in the city was established by the South Carolina Society in 1751, and was held in a hall on Meeting Street, near Tradd.

The first Church in the city was built in 1681, where St. Michael's now stands.

In the rear of Landgrave Thomas Smith's house, on the south-west corner of East Bay and Longitude Lane, it is believed that the first rice was planted in South Carolina, in 1696.

Fort Sumter, in Charleston Harbor, is called the Gibraltar of America, because for 280 days it withstood the fire of the Federal guns.

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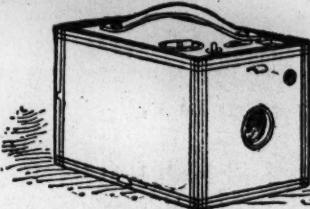
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